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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**May 31, 2007—Juneau--**The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), is holding a public meeting about the Ocean Ranger program on June 7, 2007. Its purpose is to inform the public about the development of the Ocean Ranger program as mandated by Ballot Measure 2, passed by Alaskan voters in August 2006.

Presenters will cover many aspects of cruise ship oversight in Alaska. Agenda topics include: a review and update on the Department's response to the Ballot Measure; an Ocean Ranger program overview; a description of the Large Passenger Vessel Wastewater Discharge General Permit; advanced wastewater treatment systems; an update on the DEC monitoring and sampling program; the vessel tracking requirement; and cruise ship air emissions oversight.

The public is invited to attend the meeting on June 7, 2007, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Juneau at Centennial Hall, 101 Egan Drive. This is an informal forum and there will be opportunity for audience questions. For more information on the meeting or the Ocean Ranger program please contact Sharmon Stambaugh at 907-269-7565 or by email [Sharmon\\_Stambaugh@dec.state.ak.us](mailto:Sharmon_Stambaugh@dec.state.ak.us) or visit the Division of Water web site <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/>.

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